

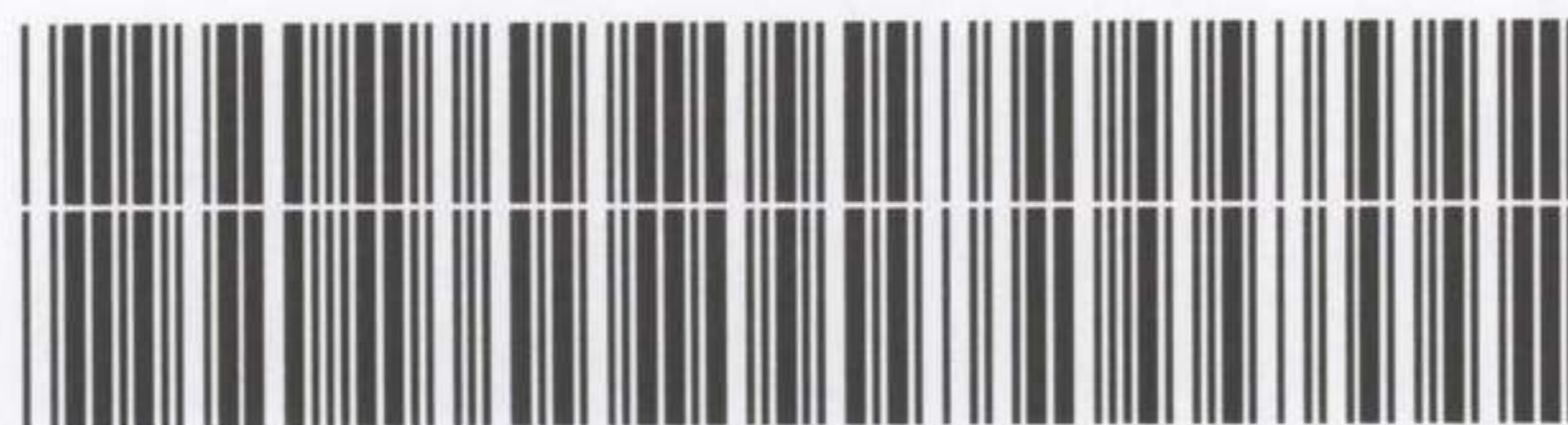
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Horse

2<sup>nd</sup> Australian Light Brigade Machine Gun

Squadron

For period from dates of formation  
July 11<sup>th</sup> 1916 to September 30<sup>th</sup> 1916



C.W. Suptable Capt  
OC 2<sup>nd</sup> A.L.H. Brigade Machine Gun Squadron



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ET MALER	11/7/16		Orders from Major-General Chauvel authorise the formation of this Machine Gun Squadron by transferring Machine Gun sections from their respective Regiments to same, and drawing men from Training Regiment.	
			5 <sup>th</sup> + 12 <sup>th</sup> Light Horse Machine Gun sections are at DUEIDAR, while the 6 <sup>th</sup> + 7 <sup>th</sup> Light Horse Machine Gun sections are at ET MALER.	
	19/7/16		6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regiments move to QATIA and gain contact with the Turks at OGHARATINA	
	20/7/16		Enemy's position is reconnoitred by a feint attack. Lieut Cunningham 6 <sup>th</sup> L.H. Section takes one gun into action at long range doing good work	
	21/7/16		6 <sup>th</sup> + 7 <sup>th</sup> Regiments return to ET MALER, + rest horses for one day then relieve 1 <sup>st</sup> L.H. Brigade	
	22/7/16		Lieut Zouch, 7 <sup>th</sup> L.H. section + Lieut Cunningham 6 <sup>th</sup> L.H. section take their gun into action at HOD UM UGBA and did good work	

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ET MALER	24/1/16		12 <sup>th</sup> Light Horse Machine Gun Section joined up with Machine Gun Squadron in charge of Lieut A C 2 Abbott.	
	29/1/16		The following appointments have been recommended & approved by Division:-	
			OC 2 <sup>nd</sup> LH Bde Machine Gun Squadron      Capt C W Hustable      Brigade Machine Gun Officer	
			2 <sup>nd</sup> in Command      Lieut J R Cuin      5 <sup>th</sup> LH M G Officer	
			OC A Troop      2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut C E Perrottet      6 <sup>th</sup> (late Lance Corporal)	
			OC B      Lieut A J Cunningham      6 <sup>th</sup> Officer	
			OC C      Lieut E J Zouch      7 <sup>th</sup> "	
			OC D      Lieut A C 2 Abbott      12 <sup>th</sup> "	
			OC E      2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut R B Daxson      12 <sup>th</sup> (late Sergeant)	
			OC F      2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut F W Thurson      12 <sup>th</sup> (late Trooper)	
			Squadron Quartermaster Sergeant      1606 Jnr Owen Jones R S 5 <sup>th</sup> LH Regt	
			Strength of Squadron 8 Officers 112 OR + Horses:- 82 Riding 49 Draught + 16 Pack	
	31/1/16		Lieut A C 2 Abbott evacuated sick	
			108 OR are taken on strength from 2 <sup>nd</sup> LH Bde Details, TEL EL KEBIR	
			66 Horses taken on strength from New Zealand No 2 Mobile Vet Section	

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ETMALER	23/7/16		Squadron remained in camp resting. The 2 <sup>nd</sup> LH Brigade having been relieved by 12 <sup>th</sup> LH Brigade	
	24/7/16		6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> MG Sections proceeded to QATIA with 2 <sup>nd</sup> LH Brigade, remaining in readiness during reconnaissance	
	25/7/16		Squadron remained in camp resting	
	26/7/16		6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> MG Sections proceeded to QATIA with 2 <sup>nd</sup> LH Brigade	
	27/7/16		Squadron remained in camp resting	
	28/7/16		6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> MG sections proceeded to QATIA with 2 <sup>nd</sup> LH Brigade	
	29/7/16		Squadron remained in camp resting	
	30/7/16		6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> MG Sections proceeded to QATIA with 2 <sup>nd</sup> LH Brigade	
	31/7/16		Squadron remained in camp resting	
	1/8/16		6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> MG sections proceeded to QATIA with 2 <sup>nd</sup> LH Brigade	
	2/8/16		Squadron remained in camp resting	
	3/8/16		Units move from OGH RATINA and occupy QATIA. The 2 <sup>nd</sup> LH Brigade with our 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> MG sections occupy the ridge 1 1/2 miles WEST of QATIA.	
			3 (Three) Machine Guns, being without transport, are manned by "scratch" crews from men in camp, and placed in the outpost line, with the Royal Scottish Fusiliers, South & West	

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ETMALER	3/8/16		<p>Most of ETMALER. The 12<sup>th</sup> Regiment M.G.S. being newly mounted, &amp; untrained in mounted work are placed in a position of readiness 2 miles north west of ETMALER with Lieut Dixon in charge. Remainder of squadron in Camp are in charge of Lieut Morrison.</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> ALH Brigade (less 5<sup>th</sup> Reg) returned to ETMALER about 2100 being relieved by 1<sup>st</sup> ALH Brigade.</p>	
	4/8/16		<p>Orders to "stand to" received at 0200. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> M.G. sections move out with 2<sup>nd</sup> ALH Brigade at 0330, taking up a defensive position on WELLINGTON RIDGE which became the firing line about 0530 when 1<sup>st</sup> ALH Brigade withdrew. Our horses are bombed by aeroplanes. The shrapnel &amp; machine gun fire is heavy, but few casualties in men &amp; horses experienced. At 0700 (?) WELLINGTON RIDGE is enfiladed, &amp; the ridge west of ETMALER extending in a north westerly direction is occupied. Lieut Zouch places his M.G. section on left of 7<sup>th</sup> LH Regiment, where Lieut Dixon joined him with the 12<sup>th</sup> LH M.G.S. Lieut Cunningham took his M.G. section</p>	

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	4/8/16		<p>to the right flank with the 6<sup>th</sup> LH Regiment, and advanced with them at 1700, when the NZMR Brigade took MOUNT ROYSTON. The Lewis Guns of the 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> Regiments having no crews, are detailed as follows:- 2 to Lieut Thivison, who, aided by Trooper Kearne (a member of the No 2 gun in the outpost line) together with an untrained crew, - from members of the Squadron - took the Lewis Guns into action on the right of the 7<sup>th</sup> Regt. One Lewis Gun is given to 'C' Squadron 7<sup>th</sup> LH Regiment &amp; the fourth to the Scottish Fusiliers supporting the ridge 2 miles N.W. of ET MALER.</p>	
	5/8/16		<p>The MG Section advance dismounted with the attack at 0430, Lieut Zouch with his MGs accompanied the 7<sup>th</sup> LH Regt mounted, wheeling south &amp; then east then driving the Junk to QATIA. The 6<sup>th</sup> LH &amp; Wellington MR joined them. At 1330 Lieut Zouch &amp; Dixon with their MG Section advanced with the MM Rifles, Lieutenant Craneyham being with the 6<sup>th</sup> LH Regiment, until within</p>	

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ET MALER	5/8/16		<p>about 1000 yards from the enemy's position + were held up until 1900 when the retirement was ordered, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade reaching ET MALER at 2130.</p> <p>Casualties to date:- Killed 2 Wounded 6</p>	
	8/8/16		<p>2<sup>nd</sup> LH Brigade left ET MALER for QATIA at 1330. Lieut Zouch + Cunningham move out with the 7<sup>th</sup> + 6<sup>th</sup> M &amp; sections respectively. Lieut Morrison taking the 7<sup>th</sup> LH Lewis Guns, Mr Wearne being with those of the 6<sup>th</sup> LH. Arrive at QATIA at 1700, moving out again at 2200.</p>	
	9/8/16		<p>2<sup>nd</sup> LH Bde (less 5<sup>th</sup> LH Regt) + 7<sup>th</sup> M Rifle, with 1<sup>st</sup> LH Brigade from ROYSTON'S COLUMN + arrive north of BIR EL ABD about 0430. M &amp; sections held in reserve till 0900, when Lieut Zouch with 7<sup>th</sup> M &amp; S is sent to reinforce the Wellington M. Rifles. At 1500, Lieut Cunningham is despatched, with 6<sup>th</sup> M &amp; section, to report to 1<sup>st</sup> LH Brigade, who are being surrounded. At 1600 the Brigade retired to KHIRBA.</p> <p>Casualties:- Killed 2 Wounded 2.</p>	



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ET MALER	9/8/16		During the 4 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> August engagements the 5 <sup>th</sup> LH Regiment was attached to 3 <sup>rd</sup> LH Brigade. The 5 <sup>th</sup> M G Section was in charge of Lieut J.R. Cain, assisted by 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut Perrotet	
	13/8/16		2 <sup>nd</sup> LH Brigade left KHIRBA for ET MALER	
	14/8/16		No 78c Sergt Watson T.H. is appointed Squadron Sergeant Major dating from 8/8/16 when he took over the duties	
	25/8/16		No 348A Cpl Jeffery A appointed Tinner Sergeant dating 2/8/16 Lieut No 19/8/16 Anzac Mounted Division, Appointments approved by General Officer (Commanding) Administering the A.I.F. in Egypt, subject to confirmation by G.O.C. A.I.F.	
			6 <sup>th</sup> LH Regiment:- To be 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant No 446 2/cpl Perrotet C & dated 27/7/16	
			12 <sup>th</sup> LH Regiment:- To be 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant No 659 Sgt Dixon R.B. dated 28/7/16 + No 675 for Division F.H. dated 29/7/16	
			To Command Machine Gun Squadron Capt C.W. Huxtable 6 <sup>th</sup> LH dated 23/7/16 To be 2 <sup>nd</sup> in Command Lieut J.R. Cain 5 <sup>th</sup> LH - 23/7/16	
			The above officers, together with Lieut S. 2 Zouch 7 <sup>th</sup> LH + Lieut A. J. Cunningham 6 <sup>th</sup> LH are seconded to 2 <sup>nd</sup> ALH Brigade Machine Gun Squadron date 23/7/16	

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	23/8/16		12 <sup>th</sup> LH Regiment M.G. Section left ETMALER to rejoin 12 <sup>th</sup> LH Regiment. Indents for equipment submitted to DADOS	
	11/9/16		2 <sup>nd</sup> LH Brigade left ETMALER for HASSANIYA. Since the Squadron is not full equipped the G.O.C. Division ordered the 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> M.G. Section to join their respective Regiments with the 2 <sup>nd</sup> LH Brigade, <del>with the 2<sup>nd</sup> LH Brigade</del> and <del>the 2<sup>nd</sup> LH Brigade</del> are to carry on as in August ( <del>at ETMALER</del> ) Lieut Carr is OC 6 <sup>th</sup> LH M.G. Section (Lieut Cunningham evacuated sick 4/9/16 Lieut Zouch OC 7 <sup>th</sup> LH M.G. Section whilst Lieut Perrottel took charge of 5 <sup>th</sup> LH M.G. Section with the 2 <sup>nd</sup> LH Brigade at HASSANIYA.	
	12/9/16		33 men from 2 <sup>nd</sup> LH Bde Training Regiment MOASCAR take the place of the 12 <sup>th</sup> LH M.G. S. (transferred to its Regt.)	
	19/9/16		2 <sup>nd</sup> ALH Bde moved towards MAZAR but M.G. Section do not come into action	
	14/9/16		53 Riding horses drawn from Remounts	
	20/9/16		Lieut Carr took over duties of Adjutant.	